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According to the records of the New Orleans Public Service, Inc., R. J. Haydel, Sr. had moved from 334 Octavia St., City, to 1935 Upperline St. on 9-23-61, and he is still receiving gas and electric service at the latter address.

The records show that John or Patricia J. Lamine lives at 4099 Duzezel St. and have been residing at this address since 3-22-62. The writer recalled interviewing a John and Patricia Lamine, payees of a check, file 3-13-5333 some years ago.

A photostat of Install Order No. 15277, dated 3-22-62, was obtained. It shows that the Lamine's have phone numbers 897-7874 and 24 9-2334, the latter number being the phone number of R. J. Haydel, Sr., 1935 Upperline St., City.

Upon returning to the office, R. J. Haydel, Jr., after having been interviewed by SA Corvett and SAID RAY, was preparing to depart the office. He was interviewed by the writer and stated phone number 897-7874 had been changed to 891-2559. Further, that he was more or less living in a "roomer-law" relationship with Patricia Lamine, co-payee, file 3-13-5333. Further, that as he is an electrician and is seldom home, Patricia Lamine makes his phone calls for him. He indicated he expects to marry her at a future date.

On 11-26-63 called at 22 Smith Hamill Works, 402 Camp St., New Orleans, and interviewed Mr. J. S. Moore, Vice President. A copy of the application form, The Fair Play for Cuba Committee, bearing the name "A. J. Hissell, P. O. Box 30016, New Orleans, La." was shown to him. He said without a doubt this had been made with a Superior Softiset, No. 21. He said these sets cost \$2.50, were manufactured by the Superior Softiset Co., Chicago, and were sold by practically all stationery stores, department stores, etc. He said she set purchased all the letters in the alphabet and using the set a person could make name stamps in any combination of names.

Mr. Moore was shown a photograph of Oswald but stated he had never seen this person before.

On 11-26-63 called at the New Orleans Better Business Bureau and made name checks in the following names:

Fair Play for Cuba - negative
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There was a file under the name Directorio Revolucionario Estudiantil. It was reviewed and reflected that the local representative is Charles Kringsler. Further, that a Mrs. Grant had called the Better Business Bureau on an unknown date to advise that Kringsler had given her son a book of tickets to sell. The Better Business Bureau had checked with City Hall, New Orleans, and was informed that Kringsler had called at City Hall and was given the necessary form to execute in order to make it legal for him to sell tickets or words in connection with the Cuban Student Directorate. The file reflects that Mrs. Grant had been so notified.

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There was a file on the Cuban Democratic Revolutionary Front, Crusade to Free Cuba, P. O. Box 90823, New Orleans, which had been rented as of 10-2-62 under the above listed name. This file was reviewed but nothing of interest was noted.

There was also a file under the title of The Information Council of the Americas, ICA Trust Paper Headquarters, 520 Gravier St., New Orleans, phone 523-3614. This file was reviewed but nothing of interest was noted.

On 11-26-63 SA Corvett received a telephone call from Mr. Robert Critcher, Field Representative, Louisiana State Unemployment Office, 530 Camp St., New Orleans. He stated that Lee Harvey Oswald had registered with their office for unemployment benefits, had filed a claim for benefits and was registered for work.

Mr. Critcher said that the last time Oswald reported to his office was about 15 months ago when he filed a claim for benefits. Further, that all wage claims were against the State of Texas. He stated that should we desire to review the records, we should first contact Mr. Jeannal Hestina, District Superintendent, State of Louisiana, Department of Labor, Division of Employment Security, 430 Canal St., City, phone 528-1741.

The same date made phone call to Mr. Hestina and he stated that early on the morning of 11-26-63 an FBI agent had been given all of the records pertaining to Oswald.

He said his office had made a check in the name A. J. Hissell and various other spellings of this name with negative results.

SAID Rice later contacted SAID Sylvester, FBI, New Orleans, and he stated that if Mr. Hestina would authorize his office to make a reproduction of the records pertaining to Oswald, his office would make same and furnish them to this office. SAID Rice contacted Mr. Hestina by phone and he stated he would contact the FBI office and authorize the reproduction of the records. They were furnished this office by SA Leon Carroll, FBI, on 11-27-63, and a copy of the complete record was furnished the Dallas office by Office Memorandum dated 11-29-63.

On 11-26-63 ID phone call was made to Capt. R. E. Horton, Louisiana State Police, Baton Rouge, La. He was requested to make a name check in the following listed names and advise this office of the results immediately:

Lee Harvey Oswald
 Clay Dorfman
 Fair Play for Cuba
 A. J. Hissell-Haydel, etc.

The same date a phone call was received from Capt. Horton. He stated that he had an FBI transcript of the criminal record of Oswald, as well as a fingerprint card re Oswald, and would furnish us with a copy of each. Also, that he had a record of James Amer Haydel, home address, Ruston, La., who had been arrested at Ruston, La., on 10-25 for indecent exposure. He said he would furnish a photostat of the fingerprint card of the subject in the event it would be of any value.

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Mr. Noel stated that he was formerly connected with the "WOMAN REORGANIZATION COMMITTEE" at 514 Camp Street, New Orleans, and had known the New Orleans delegate to this organization, Mrs. Mary Brown, who had been active in the organization. Mr. Noel stated that Mrs. Brown would normally send out literature about the organization, and that he had seen a copy of the booklet entitled "The Crisis Ahead" sent out about 1949 or 1950. Mr. Noel stated that he had never seen any other literature from the "WOMAN REORGANIZATION COMMITTEE" and that he had never heard of the "WOMAN REORGANIZATION COMMITTEE".

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Mr. Herman stated that he recalled the arrested by various law enforcement agencies and suffered what could be classified as a nervous breakdown. He is said to be presently under the care of a psychiatrist and to have divorced himself from any anti-Castro activities whatsoever because of his health.

On 12-2-63 called at the office of the Hotel, Motel, and Restaurant Employees' Union, Local 216, located at 5th Camp St., New Orleans, where I later learned of, Robert Davis, Secretary-Treasurer, and Mrs. Helen McCarthy, Office Secretary, with negative results. They stated that they had never seen Lee Harvey Oswald and knew nothing of the

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Mr. Herman stated that when the "CUBAN REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL" wanted the New Orleans Building they failed to surrender the keys to their office, adding that they had had several sets of keys to the office. He said that about ten days or two weeks after the Cuban had moved, he had occasion to visit the New Orleans Building one day and on that occasion he saw a young white man unlocking the door to the office formerly occupied by the "CUBAN REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL." He said he asked this fellow what he was doing and he returned that he was taking over the office, whereupon Mr. Herman told him that the office had been closed and that the "CUBAN REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL" no longer had office space in the New Orleans Building and that he would have to leave. He said there were no indications that the fellow had used the office previously. Mr. Herman described this individual as: White male; 25-30; 5'0"; 105 lbs.; fair complexion; light brown or blond hair; spoke with a Spanish accent.

Mr. Herman stated that when last seen, Gerold Aracosta Smith claimed to be selling life insurance. The name GEROLD ARACOSTA is listed in the 1962 New Orleans City Directory with address at 4221 Doolittle St. His wife's name is shown as "Martina L." and his occupation is shown as "Sales." The above address is located in a housing development known as "Parkchester Apartments."

Mr. Herman stated during this interview that one Jack S. Martin, who lives at the corner of Maple Ave. and I. Priour Ct., had brought Gerold Aracosta and Gerold "Martina" to him and recommended them to him as prospective tenants. He said that Martin had also brought them to Mayor Victor Piro, New Orleans, and had helped them to get a charter of permit to operate in New Orleans. He said that on one occasion quizzing appeared to have a short wave radio transmitter which he was trying to repair.

Mr. Herman stated that he has not rented any offices to new tenants in the New Orleans Building, 5th Camp Street, since about February, 1962. He could furnish no information as to why the rubber stamp impression "F. O. C. 5th Camp St. No. 514/63, 14" appeared in the header. This Office "Letter Case" which had been recovered from Oswald when he was arrested at New Orleans on 8-9-63.

Mr. Herman stated that someone phoned him about three months ago and wanted to rent an office for night meetings and wanted to make an appointment to meet him. He said nothing transpired as a result of this telephone call. He also stated that about four or five months ago another fellow (white male; about 37-38; 5-11; medium build; light olive complexion; dark eyes; dark brown hair) came to see him about renting an office which he wanted to use for night classes in Spanish. He said this office rented for \$35.00 per month and the subject paid him \$30.00 rental and came back the same week-end to see him. He said this fellow later told him he had not recruited sufficient students and that he no longer wanted the space. He told Mr. Herman to keep the \$30.00 which he had paid him as rental.

During the late afternoon of 12-2-63 reporting agent interviewed Mr. Henry Cairn, 616 Decade St., New Orleans, where he resides and where he also operates an exercise gymnasium. Mr. Cairn was asked if he recalled or recalled any information concerning Henry while he had offices at 704-1/2 Canal Bldg., corner Canal and Canal Sts., New Orleans. He said that he saw several months ago and about the time Oswald had a radio debate over Radio Station WWO, New Orleans, in August, 1963. He said this was the only time

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from 1963. He stated with the "F. O. C."

Mr. Herman stated that the "CUBAN REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL" left a lot of literature in their office when they moved from the New Orleans Building; that when they failed to return for it he had it disposed of by turning it over to the Salvation Army or some such organization. Mr. Herman was shown a photograph of Lee Harvey Oswald but stated that he could not recall ever seeing Oswald anywhere.

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he had seen Oswald and for that reason he could not be positive in identifying Oswald's photograph that he was the man he had in mind. Mr. Cairn could furnish no information re Oswald using 5th Camp Street as an address.

During the interview with Mr. Henry Cairn, he stated that Gerold Aracosta may be visited on a flyer hot charge; that Aracosta allegedly drove a car from New Orleans to Miami.

On 12-4-63 reporting agent interviewed Mr. Albert E. Iwalle, Director of Finance, City of New Orleans, also Mr. Joseph Orish, Secretary to the Director of Finance, to determine whether the "FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA COMMITTEE" had applied for a permit from the City of New Orleans to operate in New Orleans. It was found that this organization was not of record with the Director of Finance.

On 12-6-63 SAIC also inquired of FBI Special Agent Paul Alker, New Orleans, as to the results of any investigation which they may have conducted in an attempt to connect Lee Harvey Oswald and the "FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA COMMITTEE" with the address 5th Camp Street, New Orleans. SA Alker advised that they had checked this angle out thoroughly but with negative results.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

The overall investigation with reference to Lee Harvey Oswald is being continued at New Orleans and in the event any information is developed which would place him at 5th Camp St., New Orleans, it will be the subject of another report.

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Lee Harvey Oswald - Assassination of President Kennedy

Reference is made to your memorandum dated November 30, 1963.

Based upon available information, Oswald was in New Orleans from approximately 4/26/63 to approximately 8/26/63. His original application for employment with the Louisiana Division of Employment Security was dated 4/26/63, and he indicated that he had been in New Orleans since 4/12/63. In another place on one of the forms he indicated that he had returned to New Orleans on 2/25/63.

He apparently first resided with relatives, the Murpots, at 757 French Street, New Orleans, and after a few days moved to 607 Magazine St. He did not have a telephone at the latter address. Long distance calls from and to number WEnter 8-4326, 757 French Street, are listed on page No. 23 of SA A. G. Vini's report dated 12/3/63, copies of which are attached. No other local addresses have been developed.

Oswald was employed by Wm. B. Reilly & Co., 640 Magazine Street, New Orleans, from 5/10/63 to 7/15/63. This company handles a brand of coffee known as "Louisiana Coffee". He earned a total of \$5,141 during the period of this employment. No record of any other employment in New Orleans has been developed to date.

The office here has requested the local Western Union office to conduct exhaustive search of records to determine if Oswald received Western Union money orders here, or if money orders were sent to him in Dallas or Fort Worth, Texas. Any information developed through this record search will be made subject of a report.

We have recently received information indicating that Mrs. Oswald attended several meetings while in New Orleans, place and nature of meeting unknown. Since she allegedly does not speak English, it is assumed that Russian speaking persons were present. You may deem it advisable to question her concerning the alleged meetings.

Additional reports will be submitted by other Special Agents covering other phases of the investigation when time permits.

cc - Chief, Dallas Office
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Form No. 100 (Revised)
MEMORANDUM REPORT
(7-1-60)

UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE
TREASURY DEPARTMENT

ORIGIN Field (Dallas) OFFICE New Orleans, La. FILE NO. CO-2-34,030

TYPE OF CASE	STATUS	TITLE OR CAPTION
Protective Research	Continued	Lee Harvey Oswald
INVESTIGATION MADE AT	PERIOD COVERED	Assassination of President John F. Kennedy
New Orleans, Louisiana	November 23-27, 1963	
INVESTIGATION MADE BY		
SA Anthony E. Gerrets SAIC John W. Rice		

DETAILS

SYNOPSIS

Investigation disclosed that when arrested at New Orleans on 8-9-63 for fighting with three Cuban anti-Castroites Lee Harvey Oswald was found to be in possession of literature pertaining to the "FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA COMMITTEE", whose home office or national organization appears to be located at 799 Broadway, New York 3, N. Y. Some such literature bore the name and address "A. J. Hidell, P. O. Box 30016, New Orleans, La.", whereas other such literature bore the rubber stamp impression "F P C C 544 Camp St., New Orleans, La." To date the investigation has failed to disclose the identity or possible present whereabouts of A. J. Hidell.

An extensive investigation is being conducted in an effort to ascertain whether the FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA COMMITTEE ever actually had office space in the small 3-story building located at 544 Camp Street, New Orleans.

DETAILS OF INVESTIGATION

Reference is made to previous reports submitted by the New Orleans office, particularly report of SA Adrian G. Vial dated 12-3-63.

On the afternoon of 11-23-63 reporting agent contacted Lt. Paul Iyer, Intelligence Unit, New Orleans Police Department. He furnished the names and addresses of the three Cuban anti-Castroites who had been arrested for fighting with Lee Harvey Oswald on 8-9-63 at New Orleans as follows:

New Orleans' Post Office
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DISTRIBUTION	COPIES	REPORT MADE BY	DATE
		APPROVED	DATE
Chief	Orig. &	Anthony E. Gerrets	12-4-63
Dallas	2 cc's	SPECIAL AGENT	
New York	2 cc's	John W. Rice	12-4-63
New Orleans	2 cc's	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	

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Carlos Jose Bringuier - White; male; 29
501 Adele Street - Apt. "F"
New Orleans, La.

Celso M. Hernandez - White; male; 47
519 Adele Street - Apt. "E"
New Orleans, La.

Miguel Mariano Cruz - White; male; 18
2526 Mazant Street - Apt. "C"
New Orleans, La.

Lt. Dyer indicated that at the time of Oswald's arrest on the above-mentioned date, he was found to be in possession of a quantity of literature pertaining to the "FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA COMMITTEE"; that the national organization for this committee was shown to be located at 799 Broadway, New York 3, N. Y. He also said that some of the leaflets which were found in Oswald's possession bore the name of "A. J. HIDELL P. O. Box 30016 NEW ORLEANS, LA."

Lt. Dyer also advised that a small booklet which had been seized from Oswald and which bore the title "The Crime Against Cuba" bore the following rubber stamp impression:
"F P C C 544 CAMP ST., NEW ORLEANS, LA."

Lt. Dyer stated that he would be happy to furnish our Service with copies of the various pamphlets, booklets, etc. which had been seized from Oswald at the time of his arrest on 8-9-63.

He was informed that at the first opportunity a representative of this Service would call upon him in person and discuss this matter with him.

At 3:00 P. M. on 11-23-63 reporting agent telephonically inquired of Postal Inspector J. J. Zarza, New Orleans, as to Post Office Box 30016, New Orleans. Inspector Zarza stated that the correct number of this Post Office Box is 30061. He stated that this box is located in the Lafayette Square Station, which in turn is located on the first floor of the Old Federal Building, 600 South Street, this being the building in which our office is located. He said that this box was rented on 6-3-63 to L. H. Oswald, 657 French Street, New Orleans, La.; that French Street is located in the Lakeview section of New Orleans but that there is no such address as "657 French Street" in New Orleans. (It is believed that this address should be 757 French Street, which is the address of Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Murrett, uncle and aunt of Lee Harvey Oswald). Inspector Zarza stated that the FBI has the original application for this Post Office Box, it having been turned over to an FBI Agent on 11-23-63 who was conducting an investigation with reference to Lee Harvey Oswald. Inspector Zarza further advised that the persons designated by Oswald to receive mail in this Post Office box were: A. J. Hidell and Marina Oswald.

Postal Inspector Zarza also informed me that on 9-24-63 Lee Harvey Oswald had sent a change of address through the mail, requesting that any mail addressed to him care Post Office Box 30061, New Orleans, be forwarded to him as follows: Lee Harvey Oswald, 2515 W. Fifth Street, Irving, Texas. Inspector Zarza stated that this change of

address was received at the Lafayette Square Branch Post Office on 9-26-63, and the change of address became effective that date, also that Oswald's Post Office Box at this station was closed as of that date (9-26-63).

At 3:15 P. M. on 11-23-63 reporting agent contacted the New Orleans Police Department, Bureau of Identification, and spoke with Technician Anthony Guardina, with request that he check very carefully for a record on A. J. Hidell or Hydell. Mr. Guardina later informed me that no record of anyone by the name of Hidell or Hydell could be found in the indices of the Bureau of Identification. Reporting agent has had the records of the New Orleans Police Department, Bureau of Identification, checked several times since 11-23-63, but in each instance the employee making the check of the indices reported that no record could be found of anyone named Hidell or Hydell.

Numerous persons interviewed during this investigation have stated that they did not know of anyone named A. J. Hidell or similar name.

On the afternoon of 11-27-63 SAIC John W. Rice and reporting agent interviewed Lt. Paul Dyer, Intelligence Unit, New Orleans Police Department. He exhibited his file on Lee Harvey Oswald, which reflected Oswald's FBI number to be 327 925 D. The file reflected that Oswald had been in the U. S. Marine Corps, his serial number with the USMC being shown as 1653230. Oswald was shown to have been on active duty from 10-24-56 through 9-11-59. With reference to this period of enlistment he was shown to have received an honorable discharge.

The Intelligence Unit's file showed Oswald's date and place of birth as 10-18-39 at New Orleans, La. He was shown to be 5'9" tall and to have weighed 140 lbs. as of 8-9-63. As of 8-9-63 Oswald was shown to have been unemployed about three weeks. It was shown that he had worked for the Luzianne Coffee Company (Wm. B. Reilly & Co., Inc.) for about three months. It was also shown that he had worked in Fort Worth for a sheet metal company for several months.

Lt. Dyer stated that when interviewed subsequent to his arrest at New Orleans on 8-9-63, Oswald was evasive as to his prior personal history or background.

Oswald's wife's name was shown as Marina Cross and he was shown to have been married in Fort Worth, Texas. Oswald was shown as having two brothers - Robert Oswald, age 27, and John Oswald, age 32. His father, reportedly deceased, was shown to have been named John Lee Oswald. His mother's name was shown as Marguerite _____ Oswald - Fort Worth, Texas, no street address being shown. It was indicated that she lives alone.

Lt. Dyer stated that when Oswald was questioned as to how he became affiliated with the FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA COMMITTEE he alleged that he had found a leaflet on the street several months prior to his arrest on 8-9-63 from the FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA COMMITTEE, which leaflet, according to Oswald, bore a New York address. The inference was that Oswald had written to this organization's New York address and applied for membership.

Lt. Dyer stated that when arrested at New Orleans on 8-9-63 he had in his possession cardboard signs reading: "VIVA VIVA FIDEL." He stated that Oswald gave the police the impression that he was uninformed as to the ultimate goals, purposes, and organization

of the FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA COMMITTEE. Lt. Dyer advised that Oswald did say that the people attending meetings were working class people such as Clerks, Tradesmen, etc. He said that Oswald would not give names or meeting locations. Oswald is said to have denied to the police that the FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA COMMITTEE was Communist or a Communist front, and to have also denied that he (Oswald) was a Communist.

Lt. Dyer stated that when arrested on 8-9-63 at New Orleans Oswald had in his possession two cards as follows:

- (1) - National Membership Card FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA COMMITTEE issued 5-28-63. President's name as shown on card: "V. T. LEE, National Organization - 799 Broadway, New York 3, N. Y."
- (2) - Local Membership Card - N. O. Chapter FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA COMMITTEE, dated 6-6-63. President: A. Hicell.

Lt. Dyer indicated that subsequent to his arrest on 8-9-63 Oswald had been interviewed by Sgt. Horace J. Austin and Patn. Warren Roberts, both of whom were at that time assigned to the Intelligence Unit. Patn. Warren Roberts is reported to be presently assigned to duty at the First District Police Station, New Orleans.

Former Civil Aeronautics Patrol acquaintances of Lee Harvey Oswald, as contained in the New Orleans Police Department, Intelligence Unit, files are:

Joe Thompson and Edward Vogel - Attended school with Oswald.
George Piazza - No address shown

Lt. Dyer stated that David William Ferrie, whose name came up during the course of this investigation at New Orleans and on whom a separate report will be submitted, is the owner of an airplane, which is out of commission and was last known to be parked on the west ramp at the New Orleans Airport, located on the lakefront, in a "tied down" position. Lt. Dyer stated that this plane is a Stinson Voyager H. C. #N8293K, green and white in color, and not in serviceable condition.

Lt. Dyer stated that one JOHN IRION knew Oswald and Ferrie in C.A.P. years ago, and indicated that possibly TONY ATHZENHOFF and JOHN CIRAVOLO also knew Oswald and Ferrie about that time. No addresses were shown for these individuals. An attempt will be made to locate and interview them at as early a date as possible.

During the interview with Lt. Dyer, Intelligence Unit, New Orleans Police Department, on 11-27-63, he surrendered to us a booklet titled "The Crime Against Cuba" by Corlies Janot. This booklet was shown to have been copyrighted 1961 by Basic Pamphlets, First printing - June, 1961, Mary Redmer, Editor. On the inside of the last page of this booklet the following rubber stamp impression appears: "F P C C 544 CAMP ST. NEW ORLEANS, LA." Every effort is being made to determine whether the FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA COMMITTEE ever occupied space in the building located at this address.

During the above-mentioned interview, Lt. Dyer also surrendered a yellow propaganda circular which had been recovered from Oswald when he was arrested here on 8-9-63.

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The propaganda appearing on this circular reads as follows: "HANDS OFF CUBA!"
"Join the Fair Play for Cuba Committee" "New Orleans Charter Member Branch" "Free
Literature, Lectures Location: A. J. Hidell P. O. Box 30016 New Orleans, La."
"EVERYONE WELCOME!"

Lt. Dyer also surrendered a photostatic copy of an application for membership in The
Fair Play for Cuba Committee, New Orleans, La. The name and address "A J HIDEELL
P. O. Box 30016 NEW ORLEANS, LA." appeared on this blank application form. He also
surrendered two photostatic copies of a circular titled "The Truth about Cuba IS IN
CUBA!", published by the FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA COMMITTEE, 799 Broadway, New York 3, N. Y.
These papers had been taken from Oswald at the time of his arrest on 8-9-63 at New
Orleans.

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TYPE OF CASE Protective Research	STATUS Continued	TITLE OR CAPTION Lee Harvey Oswald
INVESTIGATION MADE AT New Orleans, Louisiana	PERIOD COVERED 11-29-63 12-5-63	Assassination of President John F. Kennedy
INVESTIGATION MADE BY SA Roger D. Counts SA Anthony E. Gerrets		

DETAILS

SYNOPSIS

This report covers the investigation of a portion of the employment history of Lee Harvey Oswald while in New Orleans.

DETAILS OF INVESTIGATION

Reference is made to the telephone call from Deputy Chief Paterni to SAIC Rice on 11-29-63, requesting that all possible background information on Lee Harvey Oswald be developed. Reference is also made to the telephone call from SAIC Bouck to SAIC Rice on the same date furnishing information from the Social Security Administration in Baltimore as to Oswald's employment history. The following is a list of employers furnished by SAIC Bouck:

- (1) Gerard F. Tujague, Inc., Sanlin Building, 442 Canal St., New Orleans. First half 1955 and second quarter 1956.
- (2) J. R. Nichols, P. O. Box 647, Houston, Texas. First quarter 1956.
- (3) George L. Canal, Etl., dba Pfisterer Dental Lab Co., 227 Dauphine St., New Orleans, La. First half 1956.
- (4) Dolly Shoe Co., 729 Canal St., New Orleans. First half 1956.
- (5) Leslie Welding Co., 11241 W. Melrose, Franklin Park, Illinois. Last half 1962.

On 11-29-63 SA Anthony E. Gerrets telephoned Gerard F. Tujague, Inc., Freight Brokers, Sanlin Building, 442 Canal St., New Orleans, and spoke with Frank DiBenedetto, Vice President, who informed him that Lee Harvey Oswald had been employed by his firm from 11-10-55 to 1-14-56, as an Office Boy, Messenger, Runner, etc. Mr. DiBenedetto recalled that Oswald kept to himself and did not mix too much with others. He said that

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at that time Oswald lived at 126 Exchange Place, New Orleans. Mr. DiBenedetto further advised that his firm's employment file on Oswald had been turned over to SA James Schmidt, FBI, New Orleans.

Also on 11-29-63, the reporting agent interviewed Nicholas Mazza, Manager, J. R. Michaels, Inc., Exporters, at the Scanlin Building, 442 Canal St., New Orleans. Mr. Mazza advised that the address of P. O. Box 6177, Houston, Texas, was the former address of their main office and that this address is now P. O. Box 53150, Houston, and that it is located in the Cotton Exchange Building. He said that Oswald was employed by his firm in New Orleans as an Office Boy and that he only worked there for about two weeks in January, 1956. The only record he had of this employment was a W-2 Form which he had given the FBI. Mr. Mazza said that he had inquired of all of his employees but neither they nor he could recall anything about Oswald.

A visit was also made to the Phisterer Dental Lab Co., 227 Dauphine St., New Orleans, on 11-29-63. Mr. George Louis Kanel, Owner, was interviewed but could not recall Oswald at all. He did state, however, that some of his employees did remember him. He said that all records for the year 1956 and before had been destroyed and that the bookkeeper at that time was now deceased.

Also on this date, Paul Fiorello, an employee of the Phisterer Dental Lab, was interviewed. He said that he was working as a Messenger at the time Oswald was also employed as a Messenger, but that he did not know him well as Oswald kept pretty much to himself. Mr. Fiorello recalled that Oswald was employed for approximately two months in the first part of 1956, and when he quit he had stated that he was going to Texas to sell shoes. During Oswald's period of employment at the lab, Mr. Fiorello said that he associated mainly with another Messenger, Palmer McBride. McBride's main interest was astrology, and he and Oswald often had long discussions on this topic. They also discussed and often argued about Russia but not specifically Communism. Mr. Fiorello believes that McBride has contacted the FBI in Florida as he is currently stationed there in the military service.

Another employee of the dental lab, Lionel Slater, was interviewed and stated that he too was employed as a Messenger during Oswald's period of employment. He did not know Oswald well as Oswald was not particularly friendly and associated mainly with Palmer McBride. He too stated that Oswald and McBride were interested in and frequently discussed astrology, but he could not recall any other topics.

Records of the Social Security Administration indicate that Oswald was employed by the Dolly Shoe Co., 729 Canal St., New Orleans, during the first half of 1956. A visit was made to this address on 11-29-63, where it was learned that this store is now operated by the Factory Outlet Shoes of New Orleans, Inc. The present owners were unable to offer any information as to the names or locations of the former owners. Records indicate that the Dolly Shoe Co. has not been operating in New Orleans for the past three to four years. Efforts to locate the former owners have been unsuccessful up to the present time.

It was also indicated that Oswald was employed by the Leslie Welding Co., 11241 W. Melrose, Franklin Park, Illinois, in the last half of 1962. Investigation failed to reveal any such firm in the New Orleans area.

On 11-30-63, Mrs. Amsida Smith, 4951 Droux Ave., New Orleans, was interviewed by telephone. Mrs. Smith was formerly employed by the Pfisterer Dental Lab Co. during the time Oswald worked there. She worked as a Dispatcher and was in charge of the messengers. She said that Oswald only worked there for a short period of time, but she recalls that she had difficulty with him. She described him as being "hard-headed" and said that he would frequently argue with her as to the assignments she gave him. Oswald also argued with Palmer McBride often. The main topic of these arguments was religion, as she recalled. Oswald always took the atheistic point of view and McBride the opposite. Mrs. Smith said that she thought McBride was now working at Cape Kennedy in Florida.

It was learned that Palmer McBride, who is mentioned above, was a member of the New Orleans Amateur Astronomical Association. On 12-1-63 Ralph M. Hartwell, III, Secretary of this organization, was interviewed by telephone and advised that Palmer McBride is currently serving in the U. S. Air Force in Florida. He gave his address as: Airman 2nd Class Palmer E. McBride, AF 25589222, Box 14, 6550 Maintenance Group, Patrick Air Force Base, Florida. He further advised that McBride had been in New Orleans about two or three months ago for a short period of time. D

➔ It was indicated in the M/R of SA Stewart, Dallas, dated 11-27-63, that among the belongings of Oswald was found a card which had written on it, "Your application for work is on file 1530 Thalia Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana." This card was dated July 30 and August 2, 1963. Investigation made in Baton Rouge revealed that this address is non-existent. However, it was found that the Louisiana State Employment Service has a branch office at 1530 Thalia St. in New Orleans.

On 12-3-63 Jack Sullivan, Supervisor of this office, was interviewed. He stated that Lee Harvey Oswald had made application at that office but that his application form had been sent to Germinal Messina, District Supervisor, who had in turn given it to the FBI. He could provide no further information.

On 12-4-63 Mr. Messina was interviewed at the District Office, 442 Canal St., New Orleans. He verified that the above-mentioned application had been given to the FBI, and in addition, he said that a claim form which Oswald had submitted to apply for Unemployment Compensation had also been given to the FBI. He could recall none of the information which may have been on these forms and had not retained any copies.

Also on 12-5-63 SA Gerrets contacted SA Theodore R. Viater, FBI, New Orleans, who had participated with FBI SA James Schmidt in checking on Oswald at Gerard F. Tujague, Inc. He stated that the FBI had conducted a neighborhood check in Exchange Place, New Orleans, but that no one living in that area now had ever known Oswald.

On 12-13-63 it was ascertained by SAIC Rice from FBI agent Leon Gaskill that Palmer McBride, mentioned above, has already been interviewed by one of their offices in Florida.

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This case remains open in New Orleans pending submission of reports covering other phases of this investigation which have already been made.

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Investigative Office		Assassination of President John F. Kennedy	gfk
City or Office	Jan. 8 - 14, 1964		
Special Agent in Charge	John N. Rice		

SYNOPSIS

Additional investigation conducted at New Orleans regarding Lee Harvey Oswald at request of Chief's Office in an effort to learn more about his activities, earnings, etc., while he was in New Orleans during the period commencing approximately 8-24-63 to approximately 9-24-63.

DETAILS OF INVESTIGATION

Reference is made to previous reports submitted by this office in the above-captioned case, particularly report dated 1-3-64 submitted by SAIC John N. Rice.

On 1-2-64 telephone call was received by SAIC Rice from Inspector Thomas C. Kelly, who requested that Mr. and Mrs. Linda J. Gardner, of 1911 Magazine St., New Orleans, be again interviewed in order to determine the total rent paid by Oswald while he was residing at 4707 Magazine St., and all available information as to his activities, including visitors, and time spent at and away from residence, etc. It was also requested that he determine the income available to him during his stay in New Orleans, and that we obtain copy of the steamship company manifest listing Oswald as a passenger on the S/S "MORNING STAR" on his voyage from New Orleans to Le Havre, France, in September-October 1963.

As will be noted in our office memorandum of 12-3-63,

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addressed to Gino Corrali, Dallas, copy of which was furnished to Chief's office. Oswald was employed by Mr. W. Kelly, Jr., 602 Magazine St., New Orleans, distributor of "Marine Office", from May 10, 1963, to July 29, 1963. During this period he earned a total of \$1,644.75. The information relative to duration of employment and total earnings was obtained from SAIC Joseph P. Webster, Federal Bureau of Investigation, New Orleans, on 12-2-63. In view of his records pertaining to such employment had been turned over to that office by the employer. In a telephone conversation with Mr. J. L. Proctor, Personnel Manager, The S. Holtzberg Company on 12-2-63, SAIC Webster was informed that Oswald had been "fired" for not doing his job properly and not being available when needed. Mr. Proctor stated that there were numerous occasions when Oswald would be needed to do a certain job and he could not be located by his supervisor. He said there would be times when Oswald would be gone for periods of an hour or longer and when questioned he could not furnish a plausible explanation as to where he had been during these periods of absenteeism from his job. Mr. Proctor stated in answer to questioner that they had never been able to determine why he was in some remote sections of the plant on such occasions or whether he was in some remote sections of the plant. Mr. Proctor also stated that Oswald would not "communicate" with his co-workers, indicating that he held himself apart from those around him.

Investigation by this office and the FBI failed to disclose any other employments in New Orleans during the time Oswald was residing here from approximately 8-24-63 to approximately 9-24-63.

On 1-10-64 Mr. Paul T. Greene, Customs Agent in Charge, New Orleans, furnished this office for review the customs manifest of the American Steamship Company, a freighter owned by the Texas Rice Steamship Company, which departed New Orleans on September 18, 1963, carrying four passengers, including Mr. Lee H. Oswald, and 13 seamen, 107500 No. 110. The itinerary was furnished as follows: LeHavre/Sourdeval/St. Nazaire/LaPalme/Dunkirk, France/Norderdam, Holland/Antwerp, Belgium/Bremerhaven, Germany, with cargo to be discharged at Le Havre, France.

The Passenger Revenue Manifest - Voyage Report of Passengers, copies of which were obtained, listed Mr. Lee H. Oswald, male, age 29, U. S. citizen, permanent address Fort Worth, Texas, Passport No. 1733242, part of embarkation - New Orleans, part of disembarkation - Le Havre, France, Ticket No. 6762. The other three passengers were listed as: Mrs. L. J. Jones, age 40, U. S. citizen, permanent address 11111111, Texas, Passport No. 1077111, part of embarkation - New Orleans, France; Mr. George E. Taylor, male, age 47, U. S. citizen, permanent address Tampa, Florida, Passport No. 1055221, Ticket No. 6761, and Mrs. Deborah T. Gurch, female, age 42, U. S. citizen, permanent address Tampa, Florida, Passport No. 1065223, Ticket No. 6761. (The number of Billy J. Herd's ticket was 6759).

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While the official sailing date of the S/S "MUNION HELEN" from New Orleans was September 19, 1959, the actual departure date was September 20, 1959. According to information previously furnished from the FBI, New Orleans office, the ship arrived at La Havre, France, on October 8, 1959. This has not been verified through inquiry of the Lydas Bros. Steamship Co., Inc., but will be done if deemed necessary.

On the evening of 1-16-64, SAID Rice and reporting agent re-interviewed Mr. and Mrs. James P. Garner, 4911 Magazine St., New Orleans, managers of above apartment building at 4907 and 4907 Magazine St.

Mr. and Mrs. Garner stated that Lee Harvey Oswald paid a monthly rent of \$65.00 on the furnished apartment which he and his wife had rented at 4907 Magazine St.; that utilities were not included in the rent and that the Oswalds were responsible for payment of the utility bills. They stated that Oswald paid a total of four months rent, totaling \$260.00; that his rent was up on 9-24-63 but Oswald stayed on in the apartment until 9-24-63 but did not pay any additional rent after 9-24-63. He, therefore, left owing about 15 days rent on his apartment. Mr. Garner stated that Oswald always paid his rent in cash and that he was usually ready to receive his rent. He said that on one occasion Oswald told him he was expecting some money in a couple of days and would pay his rent then, not mentioning the source from which he expected to receive the money.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Garner stated that Oswald was antisocial and had very little to say to anyone; that he maintained an arrogant attitude toward everyone with whom he came in contact. They stated that Mrs. Oswald never had anything to say, apparently for the reason that she could speak only Russian; that she appeared friendly enough and would smile and let them know that she was aware of their presence but would never speak.

Mr. and Mrs. Garner stated that Oswald did not appear to be employed about one-half the time during which he occupied the apartment at 4907 Magazine St. or for about the last two months he was there.

Mr. Garner reiterated that on one occasion Oswald had displayed the signs on the screened porch adjacent to his apartment; that when noticing the signs, which were pro-Castro, he ordered Oswald to take the signs down, whereupon Oswald wanted to know the "reasons" for the signs. Mr. Garner said he informed Oswald that he objected to the signs and that he would have to take them down or move out of the apartment.

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to the Latin type; that he spoke with a Spanish accent and that he had in his hand a number of pro-Castro literature of the type which Oswald had displayed on the porch. (The individual referred to may have been Curtis Wright, mentioned on Page 14 of SA Rice's report of 12-4-63).

As mentioned on Page Four of my report of 12-4-63, when contacted at 11-24-63 Mrs. Garner stated that she recalled that

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In reply to our inquiry, Mr. and Mrs. Garner stated that Oswald was frequently in and out of his apartment; that he would leave but not be gone for very long periods of time. They said that he would use the buses for transportation about the city. They advised that the Oswalds left their apartment in a dining condition, Mrs. Garner adding that she had to discard the mattresses which they had used in their apartment because of the condition in which they had left it. Mr. Garner stated that after the Oswalds had moved she discovered that the apartment stove and electric refrigerator had been damaged during their stay, the hinges on the freezer door being broken on the refrigerator and the handles on the stove being broken off.

The Gar's repeated information previously furnished by them to the effect that Oswald kept to himself and read quite a lot. They said, in reply to questioning, that they had never observed Oswald carrying any package which could have contained a rifle.

Mr. Garner stated that Oswald and his wife had been observed by him on at least two occasions in a nearby super market buying fairly good supplies of groceries. Mr. Garner stated that the Oswalds had no telephone in their apartment but that Oswald at no time made any attempt to use the Garners' telephone.

Mrs. Garner stated that an FBI Agent, name believed to be Milton Beach or Beach, was interviewing Oswald during the time he lived at 4907 Magazine St.; that he had interviewed her about four or five times about Oswald. She said this FBI Agent had called on her the day after Oswald had moved; that he had never indicated in any way that he was checking on Oswald and that she does not believe that Oswald might have been suspected of being a Communist, especially after he had displayed pro-Castro literature on the porch of his apartment.

During the interview with Mr. and Mrs. Garner they stated that during the time they knew Oswald as a tenant he gave no indication that he may have been violent.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Garner stated that Mrs. Oswald seldom left her apartment and that when she did she would go only to a small neighborhood grocery.

Questioned as to any visitors which the Oswalds may have had while occupying the apartment at 4907 Magazine St., Mrs. Garner stated that they had very, very few visitors. The reiterated information furnished during a previous interview and as mentioned on Page Three of my report of 12-4-63 that she recalled one occasion when a young man came to her residence one evening and inquired for directions to Oswald's apartment. She stated that this young man appeared to

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and did not speak. Both Mr. and Mrs. Garner stated that Oswald spent much time in reading; that he was frequently observed sitting on his screened porch reading what he either considered to be his own or his wife's reading. Mrs. Garner, of 4911 Magazine St., had previously stated to reporting agent that Oswald had placed a lamp on his screened porch and that he would use the lamp when reading on his porch at night.

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Mr. Rogers stated that he had never had any conversations with Oswald, who would appear to be one who kept to himself. He said that Oswald read a lot and that he was a neat dresser. Mr. Rogers stated that he understood that Oswald had left while the New Orleans Public Service, Inc., for activities.

In reply to questioning, Mr. Rogers stated that Oswald frequently leave his apartment during the day but that as a rule he would not be gone for very long. On such occasions, he would use buses as a means of transportation.

Mr. Rogers stated that he was at home on the occasion when Mrs. Oswald and her child left in a light brown Ford or Chevrolet station wagon with a man and woman. He said the man was about in his 40's and was short and stocky. In reply to questioning, Mr. Rogers stated that he is certain there was a man present on this occasion. He said that Oswald left about 7:00 PM on the day after his wife's departure; that Oswald had two pieces of luggage (large traveling bags) with him when he left; that Oswald was in a hurry and ran to catch a bus at the corner of Magazine and Upperline Sts., almost directly across the street from his apartment. This bus would have been proceeding from the upper section of New Orleans to the downtown business section of the city.

Mr. Rogers stated that Oswald always talked with his wife in Russian or some foreign language; that he had ~~never~~ ^{never} ~~seen~~ ^{seen} Oswald with any packages which may have contained a rifle. He mentioned the fact that Oswald had ~~some packages~~ ^{some packages} ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ some pre-war ~~packages~~ ^{packages} or ~~clothes~~ ^{clothes} in the ~~wardrobe~~ ^{wardrobe} occupying his apartment. He said that on occasions Oswald displayed a bad temper and appeared to be abusive toward his wife, judging from the manner in which he would speak to her. He said that Mrs. Oswald seldom left her apartment.

No information was received from any of the above-mentioned individuals which would indicate that meetings had been held at the Oswald apartment at 4907 Magazine Street.

DISTRIBUTION

This case will be considered closed at New Orleans, unless we are advised that additional information is desired.

REFERENCES

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Dallas - One copy of Lykes Bros. 4/5 Company Passenger Manifest
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P.S. With reference to the income available to Oswald during his stay in New Orleans in 1963, apparently Oswald received unemployment compensation from the State of Texas during the time he was in New Orleans. The amount involved is not known to this office, but it is assumed that this information was obtained by the Dallas office. (See Page 10 of St. Vital's report of 12-3-53).

As indicated in report dated 12-5-53 by SAIG Nies, the Federal Bureau of Investigation caused a thorough search to be made at Eastern Union, New Orleans, but failed to locate any record of money orders having been received by Oswald from any source.

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